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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether a number of Islamic countries support Pakistan`s stand on Kashmir issue; and

(b)if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)&(b) Many countries where Islam is the majority faith have in their bilateral interactions with us shown sensitivity towards India`s position on Jammu and Kashmir, and generally subscribe to the view that this matter needs to be resolved by India and Pakistan through bilateral discussions. However, on Pakistan`s instigation, the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) routinely adopts resolutions on Jammu & Kashmir. Government have rejected all these resolutions. The OIC has no locus standi on issues concerning India`s internal affairs.
The entire State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the illegal and forcible occupation by Pakistan. Government remains committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a bilateral dialogue, as envisaged under the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. Pakistan must create a conducive environment for the resumption of dialogue, by abandoning its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, as well as, by ending its hostile propaganda and calls for Jehad against India.